

Request for Bids

Construction of Fire Garage in Benito MB

The Municipality of Swan Valley West is accepting bids from contractors and suppliers for the construction of a structure in Benito to house emergency equipment.

Round One Due Date:

May 19, 2026 - 4PM

Background and Bid Process

This structure is being built from drawings provided by Swan Valley West. While these drawings are accurate, we recognize that some changes may be needed along the way.

The Municipality of Swan Valley West is acting as the general contractor in this project. Bidders may bid on all of the project, or individual portions of the project. We may award the project to one construction firm or award portions to individual firms and suppliers. This arrangement is being used to maximize value and minimize costs to the municipality.

Where possible, we encourage the use of local products such as Spruce Products Lumber. We also encourage the use of local tradespersons. However, the scoring criteria does not provide for a preference to accept increased costs for the use of local products or labor.

Bidding Options

The following portions are available for bid in round one:

- Whole Project – including base, concrete, structure, electrical, plumbing, finishing, etc. (Town water and sewer connections to be excluded)
- Concrete Only – finished ready for walls, etc. Show slab and “Short Wrap Around Apron” as one price. Future aprons should be shown as a second optional price.
- Structure Rough In Only – Constructed on slab by others to electrical rough in stage. Tin to be complete on outside. Building to be at lock up stage.

Requirements to Bid

To ensure that smaller contractors can bid on this project, Swan Valley West is generally agreeable to materials being direct billed to the municipality if needed. If you wish to use this option your bid must clearly indicate that we should make these arrangements.

We are willing to be flexible in how you bid so long as we can clearly understand your bid from the materials you submit. If you wish to bid labor only, we are willing to consider your bid.

All bidders must have experience with similar construction.

All bidders must provide suitable insurance coverage for their portion of the project. Swan Valley West will insure the construction site as a whole – your coverage must cover defects in your workmanship and any liability arising from your work.

It is our intention that the building be insulated and heated prior to the winter season. We are agreeable to the project being finished sooner, but in all cases the building must be ready for interior work to be completed during the winter if it is not completed prior to winter.

Bids must be submitted to our office prior to 4PM on May 19th. This can be done in person, by mail or electronically. If you submit other than in person, it is your responsibility to call to ensure we have received your bid prior to the deadline.

Process Upon Bids Being Received

The Municipality will evaluate all bids received prior to the bidding deadline.

Should a whole project bid be received that council feels is in the best interest of the municipality the project will be awarded to that bidder. If the project is instead awarded in pieces, the awards will be made for the concrete and for the structure. A second round of bidding will be held for additional portions of the work.

Prior to any award, council may negotiate terms, conditions and final details with the selected bidder(s). Generally these negotiations will not be based upon pricing but rather process.

Should a selected bidder not be able to meet our requirements for timeline or other issues, we will move to the next best bidder.

The Municipality of Swan Valley West reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids based solely on the decision of council as to the best overall value to the residents of Swan Valley West. The decision of council is final.

Change Orders and Known Issues

At time of the bid packages release, we know of the following possible changes:

- Equipment doors are shown as glass. It is likely these will be substituted with metal or a metal / glass hybrid design for cost savings. The cost of the doors should be shown separately to allow this change. If it is not shown separately, we will negotiate the price difference of a cheaper door prior to contract award, if required.
- Town water will need to be brought to the site. This work is excluded from the scope of the bids while we determine the best solution. Similarly, we are still finalizing how the sewer connection will be made. It may be a septic tank that pumps to the existing town sewer to limit construction costs.
- Swan Valley West will construct an access to the property in early summer 2026. At this time, we may elect to do some site grading as part of that process. This may reduce the amount of work required by bidders to prepare the site for the concrete.
- Work is ongoing to secure electrical and natural gas connections. These are not included in the current scope of bidding.

At the time of award, the contract will specify terms and conditions for charges for agreed upon work by a bidder. Any further changes to these terms must be agreed by both parties and a cost estimate of the change must be available for approval.

Questions Prior to Bidding

We will accommodate site visits and all questions. Answers to questions will be shared with all interested parties to ensure a level playing field. If you are interested in bidding, you should share an email address with the Chief Administrative Officer so that you receive updates.

If you wish to pose a question, please send it in writing to both of these addresses:

CAO@munswanvalleywest.com and reeve@munswanvalleywest.com